



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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MINNESOTA, Central and South Central

MNZ044-049>068-073 **Mille Lacs - Stearns - Benton - Sherburne - Isanti - Chisago - Lac Qui Parle - Swift - Chippewa - Kandiyohi - Meeker - Wright - Hennepin - Anoka - Ramsey - Washington - Yellow Medicine - Renville - Mcleod - Sibley - Carver - Redwood**

02	1800CST	0	0	Winter Storm
03	0700CST			

The first significant snowfall of the season arrived very late in the season, waiting until Groundhog Day. An 80 mile wide swath of heavy snow fell from west central Minnesota into west central and northwest Wisconsin (see corresponding entry). Six to eleven inches were common due to low pressure moving from Kansas to northern Illinois. The top snowfall total that was reported was 11 inches at Montevideo and New London. Ten inches were measured at Eden Valley, Forest Lake, Ham Lake, Hutchinson and Litchfield. Some other notable totals include 9 inches at Benson, Buffalo, Fridley and Princeton, and 8 inches at Albany, Belview, Olivia and Watertown. Winds were typically 20 to 25 mph, and though there was some blowing snow, it was not a major problem.

MNZ041-047>048-054>057-064>067-073>076-082>085-091>093 **Douglas - Stevens - Pope - Lac Qui Parle - Swift - Chippewa - Kandiyohi - Yellow Medicine - Renville - Mcleod - Sibley - Redwood - Brown - Nicollet - Le Sueur - Watonwan - Blue Earth - Waseca - Steele - Martin - Faribault - Freeborn**

11	1100CST	0	0	Blizzard
	2000CST			

A strong and fast moving cold front plowed out of the Canadian Prairies and into Minnesota, bringing a quick snow that totaled two to three inches. The powdery snow was whipped around by winds frequently gusting over 45 mph producing near-zero visibility. Whiteout conditions were prevalent throughout the open terrain of west central and south central Minnesota. Law Enforcement recommended no travel and virtually all schools closed early. The highest wind gust, measured by AWOS, was 60 mph at Fairmont airport. Some other notable wind gust maxima included 51 mph at Faribault, 47 mph at Waseca, Owatonna and St. James, and 46 mph in Redwood Falls.

WISCONSIN, West

WIZ014>016-023-025-027 **Polk - Barron - Rusk - St. Croix - Dunn - Chippewa**

02	2000CST	0	0	Winter Storm
03	1000CST			

The first significant snowfall of the season arrived very late in the season, waiting until late in the day on Groundhog Day. An 80 mile wide swath of heavy snow fell from west central Minnesota (see corresponding entry) into west central and northwest Wisconsin. Six to ten inches were common due to low pressure moving from Kansas to northern Illinois. The top snowfall total that was reported was 10 inches at Rice Lake. Some other notable totals include 9 inches at Osceola and 7 inches in Bloomer. Winds were typically 20 to 25 mph, and though there was some blowing snow, it was not a major problem.